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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

The reply filed on 07 November 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): although Applicant did respond to the Election of Species Requirement (see pages 3-4 of the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2005), Applicant did not explicitly respond to the Restriction Requirement (see page 2 of the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2005) by electing either the Group I invention (i.e., claims 1-11, drawn to a physical barrier for an orifice in a panel member, classified in class 52, subclass 514) or the Group II invention (i.e., claims 12-20, drawn to a method of sealing an orifice in a panel member, classified in class 156, subclass 71). See 37 CFR 1.111.

While Applicant's election in response to the election of species requirement electing Species VII (i.e., Fig. 7) and listing of claims 1-7 and 10 as being readable thereon could be construed as electing the Group I invention of the physical barrier for an orifice in a panel member, the examiner would prefer to have it clear on the record which invention (i.e., Group I or Group II) is being elected by Applicant and therefore, is requiring the Applicant to respond in writing to the Restriction Requirement.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid

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abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gay Ann Spahn whose telephone number is (571)-272-7731. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather C. Shackelford can be reached on (571)-272-7049. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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